



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held NOVEMBER 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were twenty-eight members and two guests present. There was a quorum.

Meeting Opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Members & Visitors - Greg Powers, N4RAI

Secretary's Report – Pattilynne Miller, KM4ZGB

Pattilynne reported minutes posted on website and received no correspondence received this month.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during month of October and balances as of 10/31/2025.

Report from VE Team Leaders - Joel Emmett, W2BJN & Ron Thomas, N4RT

Joel reported the last testing session for this year was November 1st, which yielded 2 Technicians. Testing will begin in 2026 at the Daphne Public Library on February 7th

Ron reported testing will begin in 2026 at Westminster Village Bayside Clubhouse on January 17th. Beginning in 2026 ARRL will require online validation of sessions through Exam Tools.

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT,

John reported that the creators of Winlink noticed the posting on the club website: N4MZ.com.

Repeater and Trustee Report - Chuck Pharis, WA4USA & Joel Emmett, W2BJN

Chuck reported the 090 repeater will need to be down for a couple of days and he and Ron do some repairs. Joel reported that there were no updates for the 685 repeater, N4MZ, in Weeks Bay.

ARES Report – Ken Bell, K4EES

Ken gave the results of our participation in the Alabama SET held on October 24-25 through a slide presentation. He received positive feedback from the EOC. We should be proud of our achievements.

Group discussed using APRS to track mobile operators' location in real time in the EOC ham-shack.

Summer Field Day Report & Upcoming POTA – Ken Bell, K4EES & Greg Powers, N4RAI

Ken reported there were 4375 entries in SFD, which was a 1% increase. We ranked #3 in the state.

Plans for POTA at Blakley State Park for November 22 with Foxhunt beginning at 10am. Greg demonstrated 2 rollup J-poles that he purchased from N9TAX and used software to demonstrate SWR results for each. Ken showed a 6-meter directional Moxon antenna that he constructed.



Voting for Officers for 2026 – Greg Powers, N4RAI

Greg called for nominations from the floor (none) and then Ron Thomas made motion to accept the slate of officers for 2026, second by Ken Kane MOTION PASSED

Officers for 2026 are:

President: Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ.

Vice President-Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM.

Secretary-Pattilynne Miller-Skeelee, KM4ZGB.

Treasurer-Tom Wallace, KN4DND.

Trustees: Joel Emmett, W2BJN; Ken Bell, K4EES; & Emery Wooten, KC5LIO.

Coming Events – Greg Powers, N4RAI

Winter Field Day – will be at Camp Silvercreek again on January 24th and 25th.

ARRL elections for Southeast Representative closing and ballots are due by noon on November 21st.

Christmas party on December 18th at Wolf Bay Lodge at 6:00pm (1800 hrs.), dinner at 6:30 and \$30 dollars per person. Members are urged to pay soon via check or PayPal with comment line for Christmas.

POTA/Foxhunt planned November 22nd at Blakely State Park.

Good of the Club – Greg Powers, N4RAI

There is a DMR Talkabout after the ARES net Check-ins on Thursdays at 8:00pm on the Gulf Coast 31011 DMR repeater.

Black Friday sales started today.

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM Video

Richard showed a video on Inductors and demonstrated how AI can be used in design. Whether its Microsoft Copilot or Google Gemini or Chat GPT we need to begin understanding the use of AI as it is the future.

The meeting adjourned at 19:15 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, KM4ZGB, Secretary.